

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Frizzell

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the William Meredith Hendley Clan, branch of the Hendley Family Association, Incorporated on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan was inaugurated into existence on January 1, 1976 as one of two branches of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan was established to represent the descendants of Mr. William Meredith Hendley, born January 26, 1847 in Jackson (now Putnam) county, Tennessee, one of two sons of Adin S. Hendley of whom his descendants established The Hendley Family Association, Inc. for;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan, at its establishment, was allowed three executive officers and those elected were: Mrs. Edith Laverne Hendley-Kirk, Chairman, of Carmel, Indiana; Mr. Robert Edward Hendley, Vice Chairman, of Santa Ana, California, and Mrs. Sarah Belle Brown -



Hendley, Secretary, of Gloucester Point Virginia;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan established in its by-laws the same ceremonial position adopted by The Hendley Family Association, Inc. in its by-laws and the incorporation charter filed in Nashville, Tennessee, the title of Clan Elder for the eldest member having not already ascended to the ceremonial position of Chief Elder of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Those who have held this honor are: the late Mr. Seay Smith Hendley, Sr. of Dallas, Texas January 1, 1976 - March 6, 1976; the late Mr. Seay Smith Hendley, Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky March 6, 1976 - December 6, 1977; the late Mrs. Evelyn Mae Hendley-Blackwell of Louisville, Kentucky December 6, 1977 - April 13, 1987; the late Mr. Emerson H. Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia April 13, 1987 - December 6, 1992; the late Mrs. Edna Loraine Hendley -Tolbert of Anaheim, California December 6, 1992 - February 2, 1999; Mrs. Edith Laverne Hendley-Kirk of Carmel, Indiana February 2, 1999 - present;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has the honor of having the second Chief Elder of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., the late Mr. Seay Smith Hendley, Sr. of Ocala, Florida March 6, 1976 - December 6, 1977, and those who have ascended since then are: the late Mr. Seay Smith Hendley, Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky December 6, 1977 - April 13, 1987; the late Mrs. Evelyn Mae Hendley-Blackwell of Louisville, Kentucky April 13, 1987 - December 6, 1992; Mr. Emerson Holmes Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia December 6, 1992 - August 24, 1998; Mrs. Edna Loraine Hendley-Tolbert of Anaheim, California February 2, 1999 - July 28, 2003;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan reorganized its executive officers on the ascension of Mrs. Edith Laverne Hendley-Kirk to the position of Clan Elder on February 2, 1999. Mr. Donald Edwin Hendley of Anaheim, California, now of Glasgow, Kentucky was appointed Clan Chairman, and Mrs. Linda Bess Hendley (Mrs. Donald Edwin Hendley) was appointed Clan Secretary. The Office of Clan Vice Chairman



was declared vacant on July 28, 2003, and Mrs. Priscilla Gail Hendley-Hoagland of Indianapolis, Indiana was appointed to the vacancy;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan co-hosted the first provisional reunion of the to-be Hendley Family Association, joining the members of the other branch of the family, the to-be Francis Marion Hendley Clan, on the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Billy F. Hendley, then of Providence, Indiana on Memorial Day 1975. Mr. & Mrs. William Kenneth Hendley, Sr. of Carmel, Indiana lead the delegation of the to-be William Meredith Hendley Clan;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has had the honor of seeing two national presidents elected for the Hendley Family Association, Inc. the late Mr. Francis Marion "FRANK" Hendley, II of Ocala, Florida (The First National President) 1976-1977, and the late Mr. Stephen Holmes Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has had the honor of seeing elected all the national vice presidents of the Hendley Family Association, Inc. the late Mr. Emerson Holmes Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia 1976-1977; Mr. William Kenneth Hendley, Sr. of Carmel, Indiana May 30 - December 31, 1979; Mrs. Sarah Jane Hendley Stafford of Martinsville, Indiana April 9 - December 31, 1981; the late Mr. Stephen Holmes Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia 1982 - July 20, 1994, and Mr. Ronald Andrew Hendley of Orono, Maine, now of Merrimack, New Hampshire August 17, 1994 - present;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has had the honor of seeing one association genealogist elected for The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Mrs. Linda Bess Havens-Hendley of Anaheim, California, now of Glasgow, Kentucky July 21, 1999 - present;

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has had the honor of having two of its members serve as Chaplains of the



Association; Pastor Dan Dixon Hendley, M. Div. of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay, Florida June 11, 1982 - October 1, 1988, and Reverend George Meredith Hendley, B. Div. of Dallas, Texas November 30, 1988 - January 20, 1991. Reverend George Meredith Hendley sent the closing benediction in behalf of The Hendley Family Association for the Memorial Day dedication of stones honoring the founding family at their former homestead at Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Tennessee, Putnam County, August 26, 1994, it reads: "With respect and thankfulness we remember those ancestors who went before us to smooth the path, brighten the way, and lay a foundation for the generations yet to come. Living their lives with the view of making a better tomorrow for their children and grand children they forged out a lifestyle on the principles of truth that they knew and understood. We look back and remember the challenges they faced, the hardships they endured, and the rewards they enjoyed all while living the simple life. May their examples of wisdom, perseverance, faithfulness, and hope be a ready reminder to those of us who walk in their footsteps that we too have a responsibility to the generations that follow should our Lord and Savior tarry. To God be the glory in all things we do. Amen."

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has had the honor of electing outstanding individuals to the national board of directors to be its representatives: they are: the late Mr. Stephen Holmes Hendley of Gloucester Point, Virginia 1976 - 1979; Mrs. Sarah Jane Hendley-Stafford of Martinsville, Indiana 1976 - April 9, 1981, 1982 - present; the late Mr. William Kenneth Hendley, Jr. of Indianapolis, Indiana 1982 - January 7, 1992; Mr. Ronald Andrew Hendley of Orono, Maine January 7, 1992 - August 17, 1994; Carol Ann Hendley-Eubank of Ark, Virginia August 17, 1994 - present; and

Whereas, The William Meredith Hendley Clan and its members have supported local and state historical and community projects to enhance the lives of fellow Hoosiers including supporting The Childrens Museum's Halloween Fest. As of 2002, The William Meredith Hendley Clan has taken over direct administration of The Hendley Cemetery near Fountain Run, Kentucky, Monroe County. William Meredith Hendley's widow Sarah Wells-Hendley left this cemetery to his



descendants, which was their home place from the time of the War Between the States and settlement of the Adin S. Hendley family in exile during the War: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana conveys special recognition to the William Meredith Hendley Clan, a branch of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. on its 25th Anniversary, and to honor and commend its officers, past and present, as well as its general membership for its involvement in the communities, which have enhanced the lives of all Hoosiers.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this Resolution to: Mrs. Edith L. Kirk, Clan Elder; Mr. Donald E. Hendley, Clan Chairman; Mrs. Priscilla Gail Hoagland, Clan Vice Chairman; Mrs. Linda B. Hendley, Clan Secretary; Mr. Ronald A. Hendley, National Vice President of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Mrs. Sarah J. Stafford and Mrs. Carol A Eubank both of the National Board of Directors of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Rev. George M. Hendley; Pastor Dan D. Hendley; Mr. William K. Hendley, Sr.; Mrs. Sarah B. Hendley; Mr. William H. Hendley, National President, The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; and Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher.

